

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2055 - HB 2116**

January 27, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides that if an employee receives a workers' compensation settlement, judgement or decree and the insurance carrier or the employer wrongfully fails to pay the employee's medical expenses within 60 days of the settlement, the employer or insurance carrier shall be liable, in the discretion of the court, to pay the employee, in addition to the amount due for medical expenses paid, a sum not exceeding 25% of the expenses, if such failure results in additional expense, loss or injury to the employee. The additional liability would be measured by the additional expenses incurred.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Minimal**

The cost to state and local government would be minimal as they generally pay these settlements immediately. Currently, the judge has the discretion to impose a penalty in these situations.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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